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C O N F I D E N T I A L ISLAMABAD 11430

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EGEN, PK  
SUBJECT: PAKISTAN POLICY ON FAMILY PLANNING

1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH AMB HUMMEL NOV 20, HEAD OF  
GOVT GEN ZIA GAVE ENCOURAGING STATEMENT ON FAMILY PLANNING.

2. ZIA EMPHASIZED HIS PERSONAL SUPPORT FOR SUCH PROGRAMS,  
AND HIS DISAPPOINTMENT THAT PREVIOUS EFFORTS HAD NOT BEEN  
SUCCESSFUL IN REDUCING ANNUAL APPROXIMATE THREE PERCENT  
GROWTH RATE. HE CITED TWO IMPEDIMENTS: THE SECLUDED STATUS  
OF MANY PAKISTANI WOMEN WHICH MADE ACCESS DIFFICULT, AND  
THE INEFFECTIVENESS OF THE BHUTTO-SPONSORED EFFORTS WHICH  
HE SAID HIRED 30,000 FAMILY PLANNING WORKERS, MOST OF WHOM  
WERE QUITE UNQUALIFIED AND WERE USED BY BHUTTO AS PROMOTERS  
OF THE PEOPLE'S PARTY.

3. IN ANSWER TO THE AMB'S QUESTION, ZIA ASSERTED THAT  
THERE WAS NOTHING IN MUSLIM LAW OR DOCTRINE THAT SHOULD  
INHIBIT POPULATION PLANNING, AND THAT "NIZAM-7-MUSTAFA"  
OR THE RULE OF ISLAMIC LAW, WOULD POSE NO BARRIER TO  
EFFECTIVE WORK ON PAKISTAN'S POPULATION PROBLEM.

4. SECY GEN IN CHIEF GHULAM ISHAQ, WHO WAS PRESENT,  
TOOK PAINS TO POINT OUT AT LENGTH WHAT HE CATEGORIZED  
AS FAILURES OF PAST INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE EFFORTS IN  
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THIS FIELD, AND THE LONG-RANGE OUTLOOK THAT HAD TO BE  
ADOPTED, WITHOUT MUCH HOPE OF SHORT-TERM GAINS. ISHAQ,  
IN MILD CONTRADICTION TO ZIA, ALSO NOTED SOME RESISTANCE  
AMONG PAKISTANI MUSLIMS TO FAMILY PLANNING EFFORTS. HUMMEL

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